

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Brent Duckering et al.

For : FAIR SHARE SCHEDULING OF MULTIPLE SERVICE  
CLASSES WITH PRIORITIZED SHAPING

Our File : 16321-US

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February 11, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U. S. A.

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

A divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/064,623 is being filed herewith. Prior to examining the divisional application it is respectfully requested that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered.